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1. WHILE EVENTS MAY HAVE OVERTAKEN THIS MESSAGE, I WISH REGISTER COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR PLEA MADE REF (A) THAT USG POSITION ON SUPPORT OF PORTUGAL' S APPLICATION BE RECONSIDERED " TO AT LEAST ABSTAIN ON ISSUE".

2. WITH REFERENCE TO CONTEXT OF US/ PORTUGUESE RELATIONS IT SEEMS TO THOSE OF US WHO SERVE IN AF COUNTRIES THAT SUCH RELATIONS MUST BE CONSIDERED SUPERB AS CONTRASTED TO RELATIONS WITH AF COUNTRIES IN GENERAL AND TANZANIA SPECIFICALLY. ONE WONDERS,
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THEREFORE, ABOUT THE RATIONALE FOR CONTINUANCE OF GESTURES WHICH SO APPEASE GP AND FLY INTO THE FACE OF SO MANY OTHER COUNTRIES

WITH WHICH WE TRY TO MAINTAIN " NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS".

3. WHETHER WITH JUSTIFICATION OR NOT, THE AFRICANS VIEW THE USG AS PORTUGAL' S PRINCIPAL ALLY AND SUPPORTER. IT IS CLEAR THAT PORTUGAL' S AFRICAN WARS CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF GOP LIFE. THEREFORE, CONCLUDE THE AFRICANS, THE USG IS INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THE PERPETUATION OF AN INDEFENSIBLE POLICY.

4. WHENEVER THE USG CAN DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM PORTUGAL ON PERIPHERAL ISSUES, IT SEEMS TO ME, WE WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO DO SO. AN ABSTENTION ON THIS VOTE (AT LEAST) WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO U. S. INTERESTS IN AFRICA. I DON' T THINK WE CAN CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT NON- APPROVAL OF PORTUGAL' S AFRICAN POLICY AND COUPLE THIS WITH: " WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT ISSUE GERMANE TO ITS RELATIONS WITH INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM", (REF D). FROM THE AFRICAN OPTIC, PORTUGAL' S AFRICAN POLICY AND GOP POLICY IN GENERAL ARE INDIVISIBLE. CARTER

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